

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 8, 1896.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

The VICE-PRESIDENT presented the following

LETTER FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,
TRANSMITTING A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ATTORNEY-
GENERAL REPORTING FOR APPROPRIATION A JUDGMENT REN-
DERED BY THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN, UNDER THE ACT OF
MARCH 3, 1875, IN FAVOR OF JAMES LUCY FOR \$400.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, May 7, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress copy of a communication from the Attorney-General of the 6th instant, reporting for an appropriation a judgment rendered by the circuit court of the United States for the eastern district of Wisconsin, under the act of March 3, 1875, entitled "An act to aid in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, in the State of Wisconsin," in favor of James Lucy for \$400.

Respectfully, yours,

S. WIKE,
Acting Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C., May 6, 1896.

SIR: Referring to previous correspondence in regard to judgments under the act approved March 3, 1875, entitled "An act to aid in the improvement of Fox and Wisconsin rivers, in the State of Wisconsin," I have the honor to inform you that the circuit court of the United States for the eastern district of Wisconsin has rendered judgment in the case of James Lucy *v.* United States in favor of the plaintiff for the sum of \$400 as damages suffered by the plaintiff through the maintenance of a dam by the defendant across the north channel of the Fox River at Menasha, and that said judgment, having been entered by consent, is final. You are requested to ask Congress for an appropriation for its payment.

I also send herewith a copy of a letter from Hon. William F. Vilas, United States Senator, in regard to that judgment.

Respectfully,

JUDSON HARMON, *Attorney-General.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER,
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1896.

SIR: I am advised that on the 30th of April, 1896, in the case of James Lucy v. United States, pending in the circuit court of the United States for the eastern district of Wisconsin, judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant for \$400 damages sustained by plaintiff to lands and property overflowed by the floods caused by the maintenance of a dam across the north channel of the Fox River at Menasha, Wis.; also that this judgment has not been appealed from, nor can it be, and should be paid by appropriation in a similar manner to that which has been adopted in respect to similar judgments heretofore.

May I ask you for advice and information on this subject at as early a date as practicable, with a view to procuring proper appropriation if payment of the judgment ought to be made.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. F. VILAS.

Hon. JUDSON HARMON,

Attorney-General, Washington, D. C.

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